



John Donne

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9 – 11 APRIL 2026**

University of Arizona
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Thursday, 9 April

12:45 – 5:45 p.m. **Opening Excursion:**
Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. **Session 1: Keynote Address**

Welcome: SEAN H. MCDOWELL, Seattle University
Executive Director

Presiding: MEG LOTA BROWN, University of Arizona
President

Address: “Unperplexing Souls: Memory and Mind in Donne’s
Metempsychosis”
ELIZABETH HARVEY, University of Toronto

7:45 – 8:45 p. m. DINNER

Friday, 10 April

7:00 – 8:30 a.m. BREAKFAST

9:00 – 10:30 a.m. **Session 2: Paradox, Indifference, and the
Ineffable**

Chair: ANGELA BALLA, University of Alabama Huntsville

“Perverse Paradox in the Holy and Unholy Sonnets of John
Donne and Mark Jarman”
JULIE GRAHAM HOLLENBAUGH, Brigham Young University

“Indifference and Desire in Donne’s Communities”
TOM CLAYTON, Colgate University

“Baroque Allegory and *La Corona*”
JESSE SHARPE, Houghton University

10:30 – 11:00 a.m. COFFEE BREAK

11:00 – 12:00 p.m. **Session 3: Picturing Donne**

Chair: GREG KNEIDEL, University of Connecticut

“Donne’s Omnivoyant Deanery Portrait”
KIRSTEN STIRLING, University of Lausanne

“Biblical Self-Fashioning in the Deanery Portrait”
RAYMOND-JEAN FRONTAIN, The Peony Pavilion

12:00 – 1:30 p.m. LUNCH

12:00 – 1:30 p.m. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

1:30 – 2:30 p.m. **Session 4: Literary Attributes and
Attributions**

Chair: BRENT NELSON, University of Saskatchewan

“Making More Than ‘none of such a nothing’: The Literary Value
of Donne’s Prose Letters”
KYLE DASE and JOEL SALT, University of Saskatchewan

“‘Absence’ of Clarity Regarding Early Attribution Practices, ‘Hear
My Protestation’”
LARA CROWLEY, Northern Illinois University

“Sweetest Loves: Wroth, Herbert and Donne”
ILONA BELL, Williams College

3:00 – 4:30 p.m. BIOSPHERE TOURS

4:30 – 6:00 p.m. **Session 5: Questioning and Knowing**

Chair: ACHSAH GUIBBORY, Barnard College

“Donne Questioning”
SEAN H. MCDOWELL, Seattle University

“‘Love took my hand’: Touching and Knowing with Alabaster,
Herbert, and Donne”
CLARISSA CHENOVICK, Florida Atlantic University

“Death, Darkness, and Doubt: Donne and Edward Herbert’s ‘To
his Mistress for her true Picture’”
GREG KNEIDEL, University of Connecticut

6:15 – 7:00 p.m. RECEPTION

7:00 – 8:00 p.m. DINNER

Saturday, 11 April

7:00 – 8:30 a.m. BREAKFAST

9:00 – 10:30 a.m. **Session 6: Donne and the Ecosphere,
Hydrosphere, Technosphere**

Chair: SEAN H. MCDOWELL, Seattle University

“Lithic Life, Biosphere 2, and the Dark Ecology of Donne’s
Anatomy of the World”

THERESA M. DIPASQUALE, Whitman College

“Donne’s Spiritual Engagement with the Sea”

JOE BOWLING, University of North Carolina, Wilmington

“‘Is there a text in this site?’ New Developments in Digital
Donne”

BRENT NELSON, University of Saskatchewan

10:30 – 11:00 a.m. COFFEE BREAK

11:00 – 12:30 p.m. **Session 7: Forging Donnean Connections:
Psalms, Songs, and Saints**

Chair: KIRSTEN STIRLING, University of Lausanne

“‘No syllable taken from it, nor added to it’: Donne, the Sidney
Psalter, and Holy Geography”

TIMOTHY DUFFY, Utah Valley University

“Dunn, Donne, and Donne 2d: The Southgate Collection”

MARY ELAINE NELSON, University of Birmingham

“‘A dissolving of Jesus, a taking of Jesus in pieces’: Is Citation a
Form of *Dulia*?”

THERESA KENNEY, University of Dallas

12:30 – 1:30 p.m. LUNCH

1:00 p.m. BUSINESS MEETING (DURING LUNCH)
Presiding: SEAN H. MCDOWELL, Seattle University

1:30 – 2:30 p.m. **Session 8: Donne and the Change of Rule**

Chair: LARA CROWLEY, Northern Illinois University

“*Centres distracted so*’: Donne’s Shakespearean Conception of Kingship”

MARIA SALENIUS, University of Helsinki

“Apocalyptic Donne”

MARLA LUNDERBERG, Hope College

2:30 – 3:00 p.m. COFFEE BREAK

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. **Session 9: Presidential Address**

Presiding: MEG LOTA BROWN, University of Arizona

“God made us earth”

KIMBERLY JOHNSON, Brigham Young University

4:00 – 4:30 p.m. COFFEE BREAK / ANTI-CONFERENCE BEGINS

4:30 – 5:45 p.m. **Session 10: “Satyre III”**

Moderator: THERESA M. DIPASQUALE, Whitman College

Panelists: TESSIE PRAKAS, Scripps College

CHAD ENGBERS, Calvin University

MARY PAPAZIAN, Association of Governing Boards

5:45 – 7:00 p.m. RECEPTION

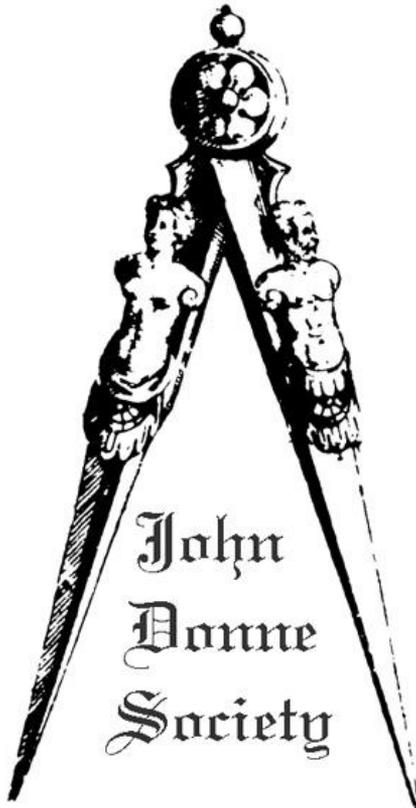
7:00 – 8:00 p.m. DINNER

8:00 p.m. ANTI-CONFERENCE
Festal Queens: JEANNE SHAMI, University of Regina
KIRSTEN STIRLING, University of Lausanne

Sunday, 27 February

7:00 – 8:30 a.m. BREAKFAST

DEPARTURES



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